

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A control apparatus for a hydraulic pump, which delivers into at least one working line and the displacement volume of which is adjustable by means of an adjusting device, wherein the adjusting device is loadable with an actuating pressure, which is controlled by a control valve as a function of a first pressure and a second pressure, wherein the first pressure via a first pressure line loads a first measuring surface and the second pressure via a second pressure line loads an opposed second measuring surface of ~~[[the]]~~ a volumetric flow control valve and the first pressure is higher than the second pressure, wherein between the first and the second measuring surface a pressure chamber is formed and a leakage path is formed from the pressure chamber in the direction of the second pressure line, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein the pressure chamber is connected by a counterpressure line to the first pressure line, and wherein said pressure chamber has the form of an annular chamber with a first delimiting portion and a second delimiting portion, each said portion having an oppositely oriented surface, which are equally sized, said annular chamber including a connection to a working pressure line for preventing any force from displacing a piston of the volumetric control valve, which is arranged separately from an actuating pressure connection.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first pressure line is connected to a delivery-side working line connection (P), which is connected to the working line.
4. (Previously Presented) The control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second pressure line is connected to the working line in feed direction downstream of a throttle point disposed in the working line.
5. (Previously Presented) The control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control apparatus is a volumetric flow control device.
6. (Previously Presented) A valve block for a control apparatus, comprising at least one recess for receiving a valve piston, which has a first measuring surface and a second, oppositely measuring surface, wherein the first measuring surface is loadable via a first pressure line with a first pressure and the second measuring surface is loadable via a second pressure line with a second pressure, which is lower than the first pressure, wherein a sealing portion is formed at the valve piston, on the side of which remote from the second measuring surface there is a pressure chamber, wherein the sealing portion forms a leakage path from the pressure chamber into the second pressure line.
7. (Previously Presented) The valve block according to claim 6, wherein the pressure chamber is connected by a counterpressure channel to a working line connection (P).

8. (Previously Presented) A valve block according to claim 6, wherein pressure chamber takes the form of an annular channel.

9. (Currently Amended) The valve block according to claim 8, wherein the annular channel ~~extends at an angle towards the valve piston~~ is formed between a first sealing portion and a second sealing portion.